



Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

Monday, May 9, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:	Randy Broussard, Lynette Fontenot, Zelig Guidry, Mark Guillory, Rose Shuff, Donielle Watkins
Guests in Attendance:	Dora Chandler, Denise Ferguson, Bruce Lye, Deborah Aymond, Katherine Simoneaux, Sherrie Fermin Baudoin, Lynette Francisco
LCG Staff Present:	Lou Anna Angelle

1. Randy Broussard called the meeting to order.
2. Randy introduced the guest speaker, Denise Ferguson, Lafayette Consolidated Government Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor. Denise provided the committee with a brief overview of the 2011 Camp We Can Do Summer Program that will be held June 6 - July 29, 2011 at the Heymann Recreation Center, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The program provides extended care for early drop-off and late pick-up. There is a holiday break July 4-8, 2011.
3. The committee approved the April minutes.
4. Correspondence:
 - Email from Rose Shuff regarding a documentary on Autism, May 12, 2011, at The Grand 14.
 - Email from Donielle Watkins, informing the committee about Beauty and the Beast production to be held at UL Angelle Hall.
5. Randy asked that the committee be a sponsor again for the Disability Job Fair. He indicated that the Job Fair will be held on October 20, 2011 at the Heymann Performing Arts Center. Carlee Alm-LaBar will ask City-Parish President Joey Durel to waive a portion of the fees for the event again this year.
6. Lynette Fontenot provided the committee with information regarding the Wheelchair Bowling League that begins on Monday, June 6th at Acadiana Lanes. Practice begins at 1:30 p.m. and bowling starts at 2 p.m. The cost per bowler is \$10.00 per week.
7. Bruce Lye with Affiliated Blind of Lafayette provided the committee with a letter from the Community Employment Providers, regarding transportation for persons with disabilities who reside outside the Lafayette Transit System route. The committee members informed Mr. Lye that this has been an issue the committee has been dealing with for a while now. Katherine Simoneaux and Sherrie Fermin Baudoin with The Arc Iberia indicated that they will bring the information shared by Mr. Lye to their office and will report at the next meeting, if they can assist with the transportation problems.
8. Information received from Tony Tramel on the cost of extending the paratransit services outside the city limits of Lafayette was discussed by the committee.

9. The committee briefly discussed the paratransist survey that was done in 2007. The committee will decide, at the next meeting, if they should do another survey. One of the questions to ask in the survey is whether or not the potential riders living outside the city limits of Lafayette would be willing to pay for the service, if the government is unable to fund the program.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
11. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, June 13, 2011 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.